

## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT/REMARKS**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Randolph E. Digges, III on 14 JUN 2004.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

### **Amendments to the Substitute Specification**

#### **(Clean Copy):**

Page 5, line 16: replace "Between" with --between--.

Page 6, line 5: after "articulation." insert a new sentence:

--As seen in Fig. 2, only one of the two parallel shafts 3 is connected to the drive shaft 16 of the motorized drive element 1 by the gear unit 2 of oval gears 20', 20". --

## **Amendments to the Claims:**

Claim 1, line 5: delete "(7; 8)";

Line 9: replace "(rear end (7))" with "--rear end--";

Line 24: before "oval gears" insert "--the--".

Claim 6, line 2: before "two" insert "--the--".

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4. The above changes were made to correct minor typographical errors and to provide antecedent basis for subject matter added to claim 1 per MPEP 608.01(o), said subject matter being supported by the specification and Figure 2 as originally filed.

These changes were not made in view of any prior art issues. The substitute specification filed 23 SEP 2009 is approved. The replacement sheets of drawings filed 23 SEP 2009 are approved.

5. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The claims are deemed allowable over the prior art of record in view of Applicant's remarks filed 23 SEP 2009.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles E. Cooley in Art Unit 1797 whose telephone number is (571) 272-1139. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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